



Deputy Mayor and Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen, Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland, Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully, Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic, Mayor Teresa Harding, Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle, Division 3 Councillor Andrew Fechner, Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann and Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan wish Ipswich residents a Merry Christmas

Welcome to the Summer edition of your council newsletter Community Matters.

As 2022 comes to a close, it is a good time to reflect on the achievements and highlights that council and our community have made together this year.

We saw our resilient community yet again come together to support one another after intense rainfall events earlier this year left homes, businesses, roads and fields flooded.

Council reallocated resources and threw everything we had at the clean-up by providing disaster coordination, free waste collection and ensuring the community was kept informed and safe.

We then moved into the recovery phase, allocating \$30 million in the 2022-2023 Budget for flood recovery to support residents, businesses and community groups that need help getting back on their feet.

Our city's recovery continues and progress is being made with the first homes in Queensland bought back here in Ipswich as part of the Resilient Homes Fund, a jointly funded initiative delivered through Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

This year was also one of reconnection as COVID-19 restrictions eased and events and celebrations could once again take place.

We welcomed back country music festival CMC Rocks QLD and the city revved up for the annual Festival of Horsepower featuring the Winternationals.

We are well-placed for the 2032 Olympics and Paralympics Games with the Ipswich 2032 Summit, a vital workshop that shared ideas for how the Ipswich region should prepare and plan for the games.

A long list of Olympic legacy opportunities for our region were identified, including healthy lifestyle pathways, an increased visitor economy and a region that is connected by world class transport and digital infrastructure that drives our economic connectivity.

As Queensland's fastest growing city, we find ourselves expanding rapidly with more than 4,800 people moving to Ipswich and 1,300 development applications lodged in the past year.

We also welcomed more big businesses with Frucor Suntory, Bio Park Australia and NEOGEN to name a few.

The majority of Ipswich businesses are small businesses, and we supported them with \$150,000 in Small Business Resilience and Growth Program funding and \$2 million in COVID-19 relief, as well as awarded 46 per cent of council contracts to local businesses.

It's important we all do what we can to improve disaster preparedness so remember to follow the Ipswich Disaster and Emergency Dashboard at [Disaster.ipswich.qld.gov.au](https://disaster.ipswich.qld.gov.au)

The councillors and I wish you much happiness in your celebrations over the holidays, and we look forward to continuing to enhance the quality of life for our community.

Mayor Teresa Harding

ENSURING IPSWICH SHARES OLYMPIC SPOTLIGHT

Community leaders recently came together for the Ipswich 2032 Legacy Summit to discuss a roadmap for how to make the most of the opportunities that the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games will bring.

Olympians, Paralympians, business leaders, government, community and cultural organisations came together to share ideas and start to form a road map of how we can pull together to achieve our common

goals and create a vision of what Ipswich can become.

One of the outcomes from the summit is to form a Legacy Working Group to help shape the game's roadmap and come up with an adaptable masterplan as we move forward.

There will be opportunities in the new year for our community and business leaders to engage with council's vision for culture, sport, environment and economic development in the lead-up to the 2032 Games.

NEW PLANNING SCHEME PROGRESSING



Council is working on a new planning scheme for the city

Ipswich is growing and changing, being one of the fastest growing areas in Queensland and the state's fastest growing city.

Council is preparing a new planning scheme to help us plan for our growing city.

It is important to do this to meet the challenges for the future, while protecting and maintaining the things our community love about life in Ipswich.

The new planning scheme will identify where future growth and development should occur.

This is about the right development in the right locations both within Ipswich and SEQ, and making it clear what our community wants to protect, and where development should be avoided (including

environmental areas or very constrained land).

The planning scheme also helps to identify infrastructure for transport, open space and community facilities to support sustainable growth.

Council is preparing for engagement with the community on the new planning scheme.

Register at Shapeyouripswich.com.au to receive project updates and be notified of future community engagement activities.

Council wants you to have your say on the draft planning scheme. By getting involved in the planning of our city, you can have your say to shape how change happens and how it affects your community and lifestyle.

PUSH FOR BUS NETWORK EXPANSION

Expansion of Ipswich's bus network has become a regionally significant priority as part of council's ongoing advocacy for improved infrastructure and services for the city.

Elevating Ipswich's bus network as a regional priority means council is advocating on behalf of our growing communities to ensure they have access to reliable and efficient public transport sooner rather than later.

Council has identified two initial priority service improvements - an expansion of the bus network within Redbank Plains (south of Redbank Plains Road) and a bus connection between Ipswich Central and Springfield Central.

The goal is the development of the Ipswich to Springfield Central Public Transport Corridor.

Council will now focus on working collaboratively with State Government to deliver a regional solution to the expansion of our local bus network.

Council's regionally significant projects list is currently made up of six projects:

- Critical and Enabling Infrastructure
- Ebenezer Regional Industrial Area
- Ipswich Central Second River Crossing
- Ipswich to Springfield Central Public Transport Corridor
- North Ipswich Sport and Entertainment Precinct
- Waste and Circular Economy Transformation

For more information about city advocacy initiatives visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/advocacy

Spanning an area of 1,090 square kilometres, Ipswich is home to more than 243,000 residents and counting making it the fastest-growing city in Queensland.



CHRISTMAS CHEER AND FREE FESTIVE FUN ACROSS IPSWICH

Spectacular light installations, suburban wonderlands, fleets of merry performers and so much more are popping up across the city as part of our annual Christmas in Ipswich program.

The city's celebrations include free events and activities from Rosewood to Redbank Plains and every community in between.

The centrepiece of Ipswich's celebrations will again be in our city's revitalised urban heart, the Nicholas Street Precinct, which will transform into the popular St Nicholas Precinct.

From 9 to 18 December Tulumr Place and the Precinct will once again evoke the spirit of the season with a spectacular atmosphere of lights, colour and magical moments for all to explore and enjoy. There will also be plenty of live and roving entertainment as well as yummy festive food.

The atmosphere will be terrific, and we are privileged to have this wonderful space in the heart of our city.

There are also plenty of free and low-cost events for the community to come together for the merriest time of the year.

Be sure to visit the city's beautifully decorated Christmas tree in d'Arcy Doyle Place, and the Christmas Lights Competition will see incredible suburban displays with their locations now listed online.

Free community events include the Rosewood Christmas Carnival and Carols, Riverlink Market Zone – Christmas Edition, as well as the Christmas Lights Tours on where passengers can view a selection of the best displays in air-conditioned comfort.

On 16 and 17 December the Santa on Tour fleet will cruise through a suburb near you, stopping at local parks and key community locations to spread Christmas cheer. Check the Ipswich Festivals page on Facebook for location announcements.

Our citywide celebrations will culminate with spectacular fireworks displays in Springfield Central, South Ripley, Ipswich Central and Chuwar to blast Ipswich into the new year.

With almost too many New Year's Eve events to choose from across the city, families are encouraged to Celebrate '23 at the Tivoli Drive In with an exciting community stage, roving entertainment and a fantastic fireworks finale.

To see the full program of free and low-cost Christmas in Ipswich activities and events happening near you, visit [Christmasinipswich.com.au](https://www.christmasinipswich.com.au)



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Mayor Teresa Harding with the City of Ipswich Christmas Tree

SMOOTHER RIDE FOR GRANDCHESTER MOTORISTS

Motorists will get a smoother ride along Ipswich Street now the road has been re-surfaced.

Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland said the project will make the area safer.

"The road surface plays an important role in keeping water out of the underlying pavement, which can cause potholes and uneven surfaces," Cr Ireland said.

"This resurfacing project aims to create a safer and quieter experience for road users and preserve the road surface for years to come."

Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen thanked motorists for their patience during the construction period.

"This was a large project and it caused some disruption to traffic flow and pedestrian access, but I think everyone will agree to end result has been worth it," Cr Madsen said.

"The renewal of road surfaces is vital to ensure our city's urban road network is maintained and fit for purpose."

RIPLEY SCOUTS NURTURING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

The new Ripley Scout group is showing local children and teenagers you do not need a computer to have fun, make friends and learn life skills.

The group launched in October this year with help from council after local scout officials saw a need to help new residents become part of their community.

Ripley Scouts Group Leader Andrea Finch said the group is helping the children build friendships and gain life skills.

"Scouting offers so much for boys and girls because what we do is guide them on their journey to adulthood," Ms Finch said.

Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland said she was not surprised the Ripley Group is growing in popularity.

"Ripley is one of the fastest growing suburbs in Ipswich and there are



Ripley Scouts representative Andrea Finch with Councillors Jacob Madsen and Sheila Ireland

lots of new, young families looking for ways to get to know their community," Cr Ireland said.

"Scouting brings families together and build kids' confidence by teaching them leadership skills to take them into adulthood."

Deputy Mayor and Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen said scouts have a long and rich history in Australia and have already become an integral part of the Ripley community.

"The scouts' values such as loyalty, responsibility and of being prepared never grows old and being a scout gives young people a chance to build their self-reliance, team-work, and self-confidence," Cr Madsen said.

HIDDENVALE ROAD BRIDGE TO BE REPLACED

The old wooden Hiddenvale Road bridge in Calvert and Keanes Road bridge in Ebenezer will be replaced as part of a multi-million joint project between Ipswich City Council and the Federal Government.

Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen said \$5.7 million in funding has been secured through the Federal Government's Bridges Renewal Program to replace bridges in Calvert and Ebenezer.

"The one lane timber Tom Kerle Bridge over Western Creek on Hiddenvale Road will be replaced by modern, concrete structures making it safer for all road users," Cr Madsen said.

"Council will co-fund the projects bringing the total cost to \$7.1 million to ensure both new bridges provide safer access for local motorists and freight vehicles."

Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland said the Calvert bridge has served the community well but needs to be replaced.

"This bridge has been an integral part of the community for many years but time marches on and it needs to be updated to cater for the growing number of vehicles using it every day," Cr Ireland said.

"The timber will be replaced with concrete spans and guard rails along the edge, improved road alignment, meaning reduced maintenance costs and a longer life span."

The projects are due to be completed by September 2024.

Division 1 stretches from Mt Mort in the west to White Rock in the east and includes Blackstone, Calvert, Deebing Heights, Ebenezer, Flinders View, Goolman, Grandchester, Jeebropilly, Lower Mount Walker, Mount Forbes, Mount Walker West, Mutdapilly, Peak Crossing, Purga, Raceview, Redbank Plains, Ripley, South Ripley, Swanbank and Willowbank.



IN BRIEF

Santa on Tour

There are plenty of free and low-cost events for our community to come together as part of the Christmas in Ipswich program. The Santa on Tour fleet will cruise through a suburb near you, stopping at local parks and key community locations to spread Christmas cheer. Check the Ipswich Festivals page on Facebook for location announcements.

Redbank Plains Library upgrade

Redbank Plains Library is undergoing a significant refurbishment, due to be completed in early 2023. The floor space will be increased, offering a larger collection, a beautiful children's area, public programming space, meeting rooms, study carrels and Marketplace. For more information about Redbank Plains Library, located on Moreton Avenue inside the Redbank Plains Recreation Reserve, visit ipswichlibraries.com.au

Ripley school opening 2023

Currently open for enrollments, Ripley Central State School will open for Prep to Year 6 students for Term 1, 2023. The new school will include an administration building, prep and junior learning spaces, resource centre, multi-purpose hall, canteen, parking, amenities and an oval, providing excellent educational facilities to the Ripley community. For more information visit Ripleycentralss.eq.edu.au

REDBANK PLAINS YOUTH READY TO TAKE TO THEIR WHEELS AT NEW SKATE PARK

Installation of a new skate park as part of the \$2 million upgrade to the Redbank Plains Recreation Reserve is nearing completion.

The project includes a skate facility, shelters, seating, a pathway from the nearby carpark, security cameras and lighting.

Division 1 Councillor Sheila Ireland said wet weather has delayed the works, but the facility is expected to open in December.

"This park upgrade also includes a new toddler's playground which opened last year, and the next phase is the skating facility targeting local youth," Cr Ireland said.

"The new skate park will provide a safe environment where young

people and the young at heart can pick up a skateboard or get on a scooter."

Deputy Mayor and Division 1 Councillor Jacob Madsen said the Redbank Plains Recreation Reserve will continue to blossom with the delivery of contemporary facilities.

"This skate park offers a central point for Ipswich's youth to come together and express themselves through the poetry of movement," Cr Madsen said.

Future stages of the park are currently being designed and may include basketball courts, amphitheatre stage, ping pong table, barbeque areas, seating, shelters and pathways.



Division 1 Councillors Sheila Ireland and Jacob Madsen are looking forward to the opening of a new skate park at Redbank Plains

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GOODNA ROAD UPGRADE GETS GREEN LIGHT

Improved safety for motorists and pedestrians has been the priority in upgrading the intersection of Queen and Albert streets in Goodna.

Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully said traffic lights have been installed and a new road will be built adjacent to the shopping centre to improve traffic flow in the area.

"In the past some motorists have gone out of their way to avoid this intersection, but the improvements should alleviate their concerns," Cr Tully said.

"New traffic signals will improve safety for motorists who travel through this intersection and pedestrians."

Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic said the busy intersection has been a concern for locals, so the changes are welcome.

"We've heard the concerns of our local community and moved to address them with this important upgrade," Cr Jonic said.

"Recent wet weather has delayed the project slightly, but the upgrade has been worth waiting for."

DIVISION 2 PARKS A NEIGHBOURHOOD HOT SPOT

Summer is here and many local Division 2 families are out and about taking advantage of the warmer weather to enjoy their local parks and playgrounds.

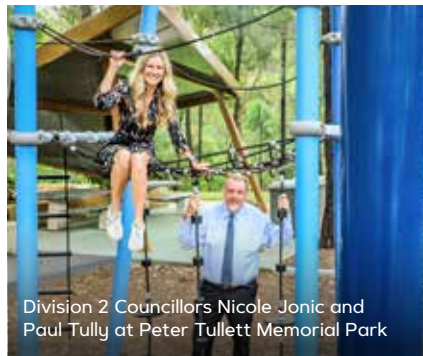
Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic said local parks are a great source of exercise, fun and exploration for many residents.

"Parks are a crucial part of any community that bring a neighbourhood together and can have a significant impact on the development of children," Cr Jonic said.

"The area has some great parks and playgrounds, wonderful walking and cycling paths, that draw residents and visitors to explore and enjoy.

"Peter Tullett Memorial Park for example, attracts many families who like to take advantage of its position alongside Mountain Creek and the forest of Spring Mountain."

Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully said maintaining and upgrading local parks is a council spending priority.



Division 2 Councillors Nicole Jonic and Paul Tully at Peter Tullett Memorial Park

"We recently sought residents' views for the planned upgrade of Richardson Park in Goodna, and value their input into any changes," Cr Tully said.

"Parks are more than just a play area for kids, they're also a meeting place for neighbours and friends and a place that benefits the whole community.

"As more and more development takes place across our city, residents need parks and recreation reserves to escape for a while with friends and family and generally chill out."

FLOOD CAMERAS INSTALLED

A new camera at Goodna Boat Ramp is one of four CCTV cameras installed across the city to give residents instant access to information of rising flood waters.

Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic said the Flood Monitoring CCTV Network will update every 15 minutes on the Ipswich Disaster Dashboard.

"By logging on to the Disaster Dashboard, residents can select a camera and check the height of flood waters and see for themselves what roads or bridges may be closed," Cr Jonic said.

"This will enable them to make decisions about proposed travel and not place themselves in risky situations where water may be blocking access."

Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully said the vision captured by the cameras is also useful for local authorities.

"While the priority is keeping residents up to date, flood water levels also provide timely information to council and local emergency services like the SES," Cr Tully said.

"The cameras save time during flooding emergencies because the vision is instantly saving time in having flood levels checked manually."

Another six CCTV cameras are planned for various sites across the city.

Division 2 stretches from Gailles in the north to Spring Mountain in the south, and includes Augustine Heights, Bellbird Park, Carole Park, Brookwater, Camira, Goodna, part of Redbank, Springfield, Springfield Central and Springfield Lakes.



IN BRIEF

Major roadworks progress

A milestone in construction of the Springfield Greenbank Arterial and Springfield Parkway duplication project has been achieved with the installation of asphalt on the new Opossum Creek Bridge. New road lanes are also taking shape and new stormwater infrastructure has been installed adjacent to Brighton Homes Arena. Future works will include infrastructure relocations and earthworks and the switching of traffic lanes.

Grants up for grabs

Council funding and support is available to your community group, project or partnership, from one-off projects to events sponsorship. Council is committed to supporting local initiatives and partnerships that encourage participation in community life, celebrate our culture and diversity, foster social cohesion and contribute to a vibrant, healthy and sustainable city. For more information visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/funding

Jacarandas celebrated with historical plaque

A plaque has been unveiled to recognise the historical 90th anniversary of Jacaranda trees planted along Brisbane Terrace, Goodna. The trees were planted in 1932 by work gangs during the Great Depression, and the plaque will share the history of Goodna's beloved jacarandas with visitors and new residents of the suburb as well as tell the story of their important roots.

CAROLE PARK HUB A JOBS ENGINE ROOM FOR THE FUTURE

The Carole Park industrial estate is set to deliver more local jobs by continually attracting big name businesses to the sought-after location close to the Ipswich Highway and Centenary Motorway.

Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully said the hub has attracted more than 10 major warehousing, logistics and manufacturing companies because of its access to rail, road and airport infrastructure.

"This hub is becoming a state-leading business park, creating hundreds of local jobs and economic growth for our region," Cr Tully said.

"Big names like Maxitrans, a supplier of road trailers has invested \$18 million into its Silica Street operation and is expected to create up to 70 new jobs over the next five years.

"Another local giant, Comgroup Supplies, who provide food products to popular chains like Hungry Jacks and Carl's Junior, has also chosen Carole Park for its new warehouse facility."

Division 2 Councillor Nicole Jonic said the continued growth of the industrial hub will have a positive flow-on to the surrounding community and city's economy for generations to come.

"The Ipswich manufacturing sector annually generates \$2.3 billion in exports for the city's economy and creates \$1.368 billion in local consumption," Cr Jonic said.

"As the fastest growing region in Queensland, big industry players are realising that Ipswich can offer a skilled workforce as well as facilities and properties with excellent access to vital business infrastructure."



Division 2 Councillor Paul Tully says Carole Park Industrial Estate is a jobs engine for the city

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RED BENCH A SAFE SPACE FROM VIOLENCE

It is a new and unmissable place to take a seat in Tulumur Place, but council's striking new red bench in the Nicholas Street Precinct is more than just a place to rest.

Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle said council has installed the bench in collaboration with Zonta Club of Ipswich Inc.

"The bench is a reminder to talk about domestic and family violence and is symbolic of council's ongoing advocacy for programs that support those affected," Cr Doyle said.

"It was a great opportunity to work with Zonta International, which is dedicated to improving the status of women and family violence advocacy."

Division 3 Councillor Andrew Fechner said the bench's presence is an important conversation starter.

"If you or someone you know has experienced domestic and family violence, I encourage you to access information and support through the Domestic Violence Action Centre," Cr Fechner said.

MORE SHADE IN KEITH PENNELL PARK

Shade sails will be installed over the playground in Keith Pennell Park at North Booval to protect children from the sun.

Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle said the sails will reduce exposure to the sun and heat at the popular park.

"Many playgrounds sit empty during the warmer months when the equipment is too hot to use," Cr Doyle said.

"These new shade sails will keep the area cool and make the playground more fun for kids."

Division 3 Councillor Andrew Fechner said the \$70,000 project was an investment in children's health.

"Minimising sun exposure is important and these sails at Keith Pennell Park will go a long way to protecting children while they enjoy the park," Cr Fechner said.



Councillors Marnie Doyle and Andrew Fechner at Keith Pennell Park at North Booval

"The new shade will keep the playground equipment at a comfortable temperature to play on and reduce children's exposure to harmful UV rays," Cr Fechner said.

NICHOLAS STREET PRECINCT TRANSFORMED

Spectacular light installations, suburban wonderlands, fleets of merry performers and so much more are part of the city's Christmas in Ipswich program.

Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle said the centrepiece of celebrations will be in Ipswich's revitalised urban heart, the Nicholas Street Precinct.

"The Precinct will fill with Christmas magic and joy from 9 to 18 December as it transforms again into the 'St Nicholas Precinct', one of last year's most popular attractions," Cr Doyle said.

"The Precinct will evoke the spirit of the season with spectacular lights, colour and magical moments for all ages to explore and enjoy."

Division 3 Councillor Andrew Fechner said there will be live and roving entertainment and a selection of delicious food.

"It is fabulous that the community can gather to share the festive spirit in the modern, family-friendly heart of our city," Cr Fechner said.

Last year's Christmas light show was amazing, and I can't wait to see what's planned for 2022.

"Cr Doyle and I wish all Division 3 residents a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year."

To see the full program of free and low-cost Christmas in Ipswich activities and events happening near you, visit ChristmasinIpswich.com.au

Division 3 stretches from One Mile and Leichhardt in the west to parts of Redbank in the east, and includes Basin Pocket, Booval, Bundamba, Coalfalls, Collingwood Park, Dinmore, East Ipswich, Eastern Heights, Ebbw Vale, Newtown, North Booval, Riverview, Sadliers Crossing, Silkstone, Woodend and more.



IN BRIEF

Old One Mile Bridge repairs

Council is undertaking rehabilitation of scour protection to reinforce the foundations of the Old One Mile Bridge spanning Deebing Creek in West Ipswich. Repairs to bridge joints have been completed with crews now sandblasting and preparing the bridge for a fresh coat of paint. While the project has been delayed due to rain and weather conditions, works are expected to be completed by late February 2023.

New heaters for Leichhardt pool

Works to install two new electric heaters at the Georgie Conway Leichhardt Community Swim Centre are expected to finish mid-December. Council is installing the heaters so that the 25 metre outdoor pool temperature can be maintained at 32 degrees celsius as requested by the community. Once operational, the heaters will provide a better experience for patrons who utilise the popular facility, including many older residents and people with disability.

East Ipswich roadworks

Council is planning to undertake road pavement reconstruction and kerb and channel replacement works on Trumper Street, East Ipswich in 2023. The \$1.135 million works are intended to extend from the intersection of Trumper and Tarcoola Streets north to Leslie Street and into the Leslie Street cul-de-sac. The project is scheduled to commence May 2023 and finish August 2023.

DELIVERING FOR SILKSTONE RESIDENTS

Doyle Street, between Auld and Russell Streets at Silkstone, has been upgraded as part of Ipswich City Council's kerb and channel rehabilitation program of works across the city.

Division 3 Councillor Marnie Doyle said she had put forward a notice of motion in a council meeting last year calling for expediated kerb and channel works in Ipswich's older suburbs.

"I am pleased these works in older suburbs have been given priority as the renewal of essential infrastructure like kerb and guttering is vital to ensure Ipswich's urban road network is maintained and fit-for-purpose," Cr Doyle said.

"I am really glad that this \$1.176 million project has seen Doyle Street rehabilitated and upgraded for residents".

Council has committed a total of \$78 million to be spent on maintaining, upgrading and

expanding our road network over the next three years with a focus on maintaining older suburban streets through the multi-million dollar program.

Division 3 Councillor Andrew Fechner thanked residents and road users for their patience during the Silkstone works.

"The rehabilitation of Doyle Street means a better road for residents and improved drainage by directing stormwater runoff from the road into the underground stormwater drainage network.

"This was a large project which caused some disruption to traffic flow and pedestrian access, but a great upgrade for residents and road users now complete," Cr Fechner said.

For more information about council's planned works and projects under construction, visit [Maps.ipswich.qld.gov.au/civicprojects](https://maps.ipswich.qld.gov.au/civicprojects)



Councillors Andrew Fechner and Marnie Doyle are pleased with kerb and channel upgrades at Silkstone

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DOG PARK TO BE UPGRADED

The dog park in Tom Lenihan Park at Rosewood is to get new facilities.

Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said the upgrade will include a new dog segregation area, shelter and pathway.

"Just like people, dogs need good infrastructure to grow and play, and get healthy exercise," Cr Kunzelmann said.

"These improvements will not only ensure our best friends have the best facilities, but they provide peace of mind for other park users by ensuring dogs have a secure space to run around in."

Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan said dogs need exercise to burn off energy.

"There are many benefits to off-leash dog parks including providing an area for dogs to exercise, socialise with other dogs, practice training techniques, and play games," Cr Milligan said.

"For dogs, it provides mental stimulation and prevention of problem behaviours such as destructiveness or excessive barking and it's fun for dog owners to meet others and make new friends."

NEW IRRIGATION FOR TIVOLI SPORTS FIELDS

The irrigation system on the Tivoli Sporting Complex baseball fields has been replaced to improve the playing surface for local sports competitors.

Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said the old system has been removed and 45 new sprinkler heads have been installed on each oval.

"Having an irrigation system that supplies water to ensure good quality turf is an important component to ensure the surface remains playable, durable and safe," Cr Kunzelmann said.

"The old system was struggling to do this, was out of date and needed to be replaced."

Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan said new sprinklers provide a more water efficient sports field irrigation system resulting in improved turf surfaces and even coverage.

"New sprinklers will reduce costs, both in staff maintenance time and materials, and will provide a more consistent and efficient irrigation



Councillor Russell Milligan with Ipswich Musketeers Baseball Club president Gavin Johnston

which will benefit the turf, and in turn, players on the field," Cr Milligan said.

"Being automated, watering can be done in the evening to reduce evaporation loss."

The project cost \$120,000 and includes about 500 metres of mainline running between the two fields and 700 metres of hose line on each oval.

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WORKS TRANSFORM IRONPOT CREEK

Ironpot Creek is becoming rock-solid with major works transforming the waterway.

It has a history of being one of Ipswich's most damaged creeks, with dispersive soils causing severe erosion to the banks, scouring of the creek bed and sediment washing downstream.

Council completed Stage 1 works in 2019 to stabilise about 180 metres of Ironpot Creek with tonnes of rock and thousands of native plants.

Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan said Stage 2 has been under construction in 2022, adding another 215 metres of restored waterway upstream.

"We can see the Stage 1 works have made an immense difference, holding up very well during the flood events of 2022," Cr Milligan said.

"In Stage 2 there were places the banks had eroded into vertical cliffs up to three metres high."

Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said the banks have now been stabilised with rock chutes, and the base of the creek bed is now secure with a rock armoury.

"Habitat features such as tree stumps, and about 18,000 plants, have also been an important part of the design to restore Ironpot Creek to a functioning natural waterway," Cr Kunzelmann said.

Division 4 stretches from Woolshed in the west to Barellan Point in the east, and includes Rosewood, Walloon, Brassall, Amberley, Pine Mountain, Yamanto, Karalee, Marburg and more.



IN BRIEF

Thagoona flood mitigation works

Flood mitigation work is near completion near Loder Road in Thagoona, as part of council's citywide Flood Mitigation and Drainage capital works program. The works include the construction of a diversion channel and earth bund to reduce localised flooding from O'Shea Gully in the Loder Road area. The project is due to be completed this month, weather permitting.

Beauty in roundabouts

Several roundabouts in Pine Mountain will receive extra landscaping. Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said beautifying roundabouts ensures residents and visitors get a great impression of the region. "Greening our roundabouts enhances our streetscape," Cr Kunzelmann said. Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan said landscaping roundabouts improves the appeal of the roadway. "Planting more native plants is a good environmental outcome," Cr Milligan said.

Chat with your councillors

Community Matters catch-ups are a great way to speak directly with your councillors and learn more about what is happening in your community. The Community Matters program provides residents with an opportunity to regularly engage with councillors and discuss important local issues. For more information visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/communitymatters

GREENING UP STREETScape

Five hand-made planter boxes have been installed along John Street in Rosewood as part of council's new city-wide Urban Greening Plan.

Division 4 Councillor Kate Kunzelmann said they are designed to improve the Rosewood streetscape as well as play a very practical role in reducing urban heat effect.

"Planting more trees and shrubs provides shade to protect from heat, improves water quality by reducing run-off, provides habitats for animals and beautifies our local streets," Cr Kunzelmann said.

"The planter boxes have been designed and built by Year 12 Trade Centre students at Ipswich State High School, using treated pine timber.

"Each has been custom built for their chosen spot along John Street, and their size and location has been carefully considered to ensure the planter boxes do

not impede pedestrian access or parking."

Division 4 Councillor Russell Milligan said a self-watering system at the base of the planter boxes will help draw water into the soil, and council will maintain the planter boxes on a regular maintenance schedule.

"The \$25,000 John Street urban greening project is part of council's commitment to conserve, protect, enhance and restore the Ipswich's natural environment," Cr Milligan said.

"The Urban Greening Plan is more than just building new parks – it is about planting native trees and plants in suburban streets, community gardens and business areas."

Residents can also play a part in greening their homes by taking advantage of council's Free Plant program. For more information visit ipswich.qld.gov.au/freeplants



Division Four Councillors Kate Kunzelmann and Russell Milligan with one of the new planter boxes

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- Book an appointment to meet at your local library branch – Springfield Central, Redbank Plains and Rosewood.
- Attend a local community catch up in your area.

To organise a meeting email council@ipswich.qld.gov.au or call (07) 3810 6666.

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